

# **Town of North Hempstead Native Plant Residential Rebate Program 2022**

## ***Terms and Conditions***

Please **carefully** read the following Terms and Conditions that are required for application and reimbursement for this program.

- Only Town of North Hempstead residents are eligible for this rebate program and proof of residency is required. The applicant's name and address must be listed on the proof of residency. Proof of Town of North Hempstead residency documents include driver's license, utility bill, and telephone bill. Other documents may be accepted. Please contact [sustain@northhempsteadny.gov](mailto:sustain@northhempsteadny.gov) with any questions.
- Applicants can apply for a **maximum of \$350** for the purchase of native plants (see 'Native Plant List' for eligible plants) that are used to replace turf/ lawn grass or an existing garden space and create a native plant garden or rain garden in a residential home landscape. Taxes and delivery fees are not reimbursable. Other supplies used to create the garden are also not reimbursable.
- Applicants may apply for less than \$350 if they do not need the full amount for their proposed project.
- Rebates are available for new plantings only. Purchases of native plants must be made after approval of application and receipts must be dated after date of application approval.
- Project Requirements
  - Each application will be scored based on the following criteria:
    - Type of garden: new (10 points); adding plants to existing (5 points)
    - Replacement of lawn/ turf? Yes (10 points); No (0 points)
    - Diversity of plants:
      - High- 8 or more different species (10 points)
      - Moderate- 5-8 different species (5 points)
      - Low- 5 or less species (2 points)
    - Number of each plant species:
      - High- 7 or more of each species (10 points)
      - Moderate- 4-6 of each species (5 points)
      - Low- 1-3 of each species (2 points)
    - Replacement of invasive species? Yes (5 points); No (0 points)
    - Size of garden:
      - Large- 300 square feet or greater (10 points)
      - Moderate- 151 square feet to 300 square feet (5 points)
      - Small- 50 square feet to 100 square feet (2 points) (The planted area must be a minimum of 50 square feet.)
    - New applicant (10 points) or repeat applicant from 2021 (0 points)
    - A total of 34 points out of a maximum 65 points is necessary for an application to be approved.
  - Only native plants on the provided 'Native Plant List' will be reimbursable (other natives may be reimbursable, but must be approved by emailing [sustain@northhempsteadny.gov](mailto:sustain@northhempsteadny.gov)). Cultivars of these plants are acceptable. See 'Native Plant List' for more information on cultivars.

- Planting at least 2 blooming species each season (spring, summer, and fall) is highly encouraged to make sure there is a food source for pollinators throughout their lifecycles.
  - Planting at least once species of milkweed is highly encouraged as this is the host plant for the declining monarch butterfly and monarch conservation is an important goal for the Town who has taken the Mayors' Monarch Pledge with National Wildlife Federation.
- Non-herbicide methods of site preparation and management are preferred. The provided 'Preparing, Designing and Maintaining Your Native Plant Garden' document will help with this.
- A spring or fall planting is favorable so that excessive water does not need to be used for irrigation in the heat of the summer.
- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis with proposals that meet the requirements and the minimum number of points needed during the evaluation process. Projects will be funded on a first-come first-served basis until funding is exhausted. **Do not make any purchases for the project until you receive a notification from the Town of North Hempstead that your project has been approved.**
- Only one (1) rebate per household.
- The Town of North Hempstead is not responsible for any problems associated with the purchased plants.
- The applicant is responsible for ensuring that their project meets all code requirements.
- If an application is approved and a resident must make any major changes to plant species and design, they must notify the Town. If these changes do not meet the scoring requirements, they will either need to alter them until they do, or the application may be denied.
- Once a project is complete, rebate distribution will be dependent upon approval of receipts for appropriate plants as well as supporting documentation (see below). Please note that the applicant will only be reimbursed for purchases made. Therefore, if an applicant spends less than their proposed budget (on application), they will only be reimbursed for what was purchased, not the entire budget amount. Also, if an applicant spends more than their proposed budget, they will only be reimbursed for the proposed budget amount.
- For reimbursement, residents must submit the documents and information listed on the "Reimbursement Documents Checklist." Please see document on [www.northhempsteadny.gov/np](http://www.northhempsteadny.gov/np).
- The Town reserves the right to use photos and narrative about the applicant's native planting provided by the applicant in educational materials to promote the rebate program. The Town will not reveal an applicant's personal information such as name, address, etc.
- Documentation of a completed project (including the aforementioned documents) must be received by **November 15, 2022** to receive reimbursement, however it can be sent any time before this date, if the project is completed.
  - Completed documentation should be sent to:

**Email (preferred):**  
[Sustain@northhempsteadny.gov](mailto:Sustain@northhempsteadny.gov)

**Mail:**  
 Town of North Hempstead  
 Department of Planning and Environmental Protection  
 210 Plandome Road  
 Manhasset, NY 11030  
 Attn: Meagan Fastuca

- If a project is not completed by August 1, 2022, the applicant must provide an update on progress detailing how their additional funds will be used and how the project will be completed by November 15, 2022 or risk losing any remaining funding.
- Rebate checks will be issued by mail to the Name and Address on the application form. Checks will be issued by the Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District.
- One check will be issued per individual and property address.
- Please allow 2-4 weeks for reimbursement check to arrive.